

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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It is stated on the authority of an American contemporary that the watercure destroys the toxic principle of tobacco without damaging its other qualities. It is said to be sufficient to neutralize the tobacco, and the watercure is said to deprive the tobacco of its deleterious effects. If this information may be relied upon, it will prove of special service to smokers, and may help to spare from the ravages of the watercure those who are not infrequently tempted to the earlier efforts to acquire what, in fact, is an expensive and wasteful habit. It is open to question, whether if this can be obtained, smokers would not after all prefer the unadulterated article. Tobacco without nicotine is like certain foodstuffs without alcohol (some foodstuffs are, however, not alcohol) which only satisfy when thirst is very urgent.

On the 12th August a remarkable surgical operation was performed at the Massachusetts General Hospital by Dr. Morris E. Richardson. About a year ago John McCarthy swallowed a lot of artificial teeth. The passage of food to the stomach was almost wholly prevented, the patient grew emaciated, and it became evident that unless relief was had, he must soon die. Dr. Richardson made an incision on the left side of the abdomen, through which the man's stomach was exposed, and then cut out, when by the insertion of his arm to the elbow Dr. Richardson was able to reach and remove the teeth. The internal opening was then closed with the silk and the stomach reposed, the external cut being also closed with stitches. The whole operation was completed in forty-five minutes. The patient is doing well and his complete recovery is now considered little less than certain.

An anecdote which throws some light upon an outburst of the negro character was told in the course of the discussion which followed Dr. Ogle's monograph on suicide at the last meeting of the Statistical Society. Many years ago a West India regiment stationed at Kingston was afflicted with a mysterious ailment, which was attributed to an epidemic of suicide among the rank and file. In the full conviction that negroes when they die go to Africa, poor Quacko was sent to himself on grand leave, his knapsack stuffed with all his belongings as a sort of provision for a new life in far-off Africa. Strong measures became necessary. The colour troops were paraded on the parade ground, and addressed by the commanding officer. When you are going back to the Gold Coast. Nothing of the sort. When you die, you go to a much warmer place, and for love, the next man who hangs himself, I'll do the same; and if I make it, I'll make it for him there here! The result was an immediate cessation of suicides.

The death is announced at Vienna of probably the most prolific composer in the world. His name was Adolf Müller, and during the eighty-four years of his life he is said to have written more than 4,700 compositions of all sorts. In five years, from 1829, he wrote for the Theatre an der Wien no less than thirty short operas, vaudevilles, or parodies. Adolf Müller's real name was Schmidt, and he was born Oct. 7, 1802, at Tölz in Hungary. He lost his parents when a child, but Rieger, the organist of St. James' Church, Braun, gave him lessons, and at the mature age of eight he played a pianoforte concerto at the Theatre. He continued to compose, but having studied composition under Joseph Blum, he went to Vienna, where he wrote his first opera in 1825. From 1828 to 1847 he was conductor at the An der Wien, and after that he went to the Leopoldstadt Theatre, he returned to the An der Wien. It is said he composed upwards of 600 pieces for this theatre, including comic operas, operettas, musical farces, and vaudevilles. He also wrote more than thirty songs, and an extraordinary amount of dances and smaller pieces. His most important composition was a Mass, but it is said to be a poor work. His son Adolf, born in 1839, is also a theatre conductor and composer.

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From September 29th to October 1st, 1889.

Hour	Water	Height	Hour	Water	Height
12.00	Low	1.0	12.00	High	1.0
1.00	Low	1.0	1.00	High	1.0
2.00	Low	1.0	2.00	High	1.0
3.00	Low	1.0	3.00	High	1.0
4.00	Low	1.0	4.00	High	1.0
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7.00	Low	1.0	7.00	High	1.0
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

29th September, 1889, at 4 P.M.

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* 30th September, 1915, at 4 P.M.									
Station.	Barometer at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Thermometer, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Humidity, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Wind, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Wave, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Cloud, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Direction, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Force, at Sea, at 4 P.M.	Remarks.
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